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SUMMARY: EMBASSY RECEIVED RELIABLE REPORTS THAT CONVICTED PLOTTERS GOLESORKHI AND DANESHIAN, WHO WERE DENIED IMPERIAL CLEMENCY (SEE REFTTEL), WERE EXECUTED FEBRUARY 19. IN ADDITION SIX OTHER TERRORISTS CAPTURED FOLLOWING AT LEAST TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS SWSO EXECUTED FEBRUARY 19. NO PUBLICITY GIVEN TO TRIAL OF LATTER GROUP. END SUMMARY

1. KHOSROW GOLESORKHI AND KERAMATTOLLAH DEANESHIAN, ONLY TWO OF INTELLECTUAL GROUP INVOLVED IN ANTI-SHAH ASSASSINATION PLOT WHOSE DEATH SENTENCES NOT COMMUTED BY HIM, WERE REPORTEDLY EXECUTED IN TEHRAN FEBRUARY 19.

2. GOI ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ON SAME DATE SIX OTHER SABOTEURS ALSO WENT BEFORE FIRING SQUAD. THOSE EXECUTED WERE: EBADOLLAH KHODARAHMAI, HOJATOLLAH ABDELI, VALIOLLAH SEIF, MASHALLAH SEIF, RUHOLLAH SEIF AND BAHMAN MENSCHAT. THEIR TRIAL APPARENTLY HELD IN CAMERA BUT, ACCORDING PRESS, THEIR CRIMES INCLUDED SETTING FIRE TO TAJ CINEMA IN TEHRAN AND WOMEN'S HOSTEL IN NAHAVAND AS WELL AS

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DESTRUCTION OF GOI VEHICLES, ALL WITH A VIEW TO UNDERMINE SECURITY

OF THE STATE. KHODARAHMAI, ABDELI AND VALIOLLAH SEIF ALSO ACCUSED OF STABBING MURDER OF A POLICEMEN IN QOM AND USE OF DEAD OFFICER'S SERVICE REVOLVER TO WOUND TWO OTHER POLICEMEN.

3. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, ACCOMPLICES OF THE SIX MEN DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS RANGING FROM 5 TO 15 YEARS: VALIOLLAH KASHFI, MOHAMMAD TALEBIAN, HOJATTOLLAHHZVARZ-MANI AND ALI REZA KARIMI.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF NAY CONNECTION BETWEEN PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAS TWO AND THREE AND SO-CALLED BADIE ZADEGAN REGIMENT, GROUP WHICH HAS THREATENED TO STRIKE AT AMERICANS IN RETALIATION FOR EXECUTION OF TERRORISTS. HOWEVER, GOLESORKHI AND DANESHIAN SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED AMONG THOSE CLAIMED BY REGIMENT AS UNDER ITS PROTECTION.
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